

# Fair weather helps boost field work

HARRISBURG — Fair weather over much of the commonwealth during the week ending Oct. 19 gave farmers an average of five days suitable for field activities, according to the Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service.

Field activities during the week included spreading lime and fertilizer; planting barley and wheat; plowing; and harvesting ensilage corn, corn for grain, soybeans, potatoes, apples and hay crops.

Topsoil moisture statewide was rated 56 percent adequate, 37 percent short, and six percent surplus. In the northern region 83 percent rated soil moisture adequate and 17 percent surplus.

In the central region 60 percent rated soil moisture short and 40 percent adequate, while in the southern region 62 percent rated soil moisture short and 38 percent adequate.

The potatoe harvest in the commonwealth is still lagging behind last year with 88 percent of the crop harvested compared with 92 percent a year ago. In the north 82 percent is harvested, in the central region 93 percent is harvested, is virtually complete.

The soybean crop in Pennsylvania is 21 percent harvested compared with 38 percent last year. In the north 14 percent is harvested, in the central region 38 percent is harvested, and in the

southern region 11 percent of the crop is harvested.

Corn to be harvested for grain in the state is 58 percent mature and 37 percent harvested. This compares with 55 percent mature and 40 percent harvested last year. In the north 64 percent is mature and 30 percent is harvested. In the central region 60 percent is mature and 36 percent harvested, while in the southern region 48 percent is mature and 48 percent is harvested. Ensilage corn harvest is 89 percent complete statewide, while at this time last year harvest was virtually complete.

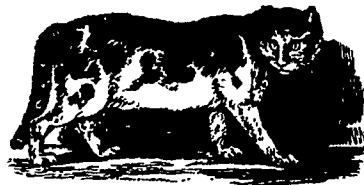
Fall barley planting in the state is virtually complete, about the same as last year at this time,

while wheat planting was reported as 86 percent complete compared with 83 percent last year.

The fourth cutting of alfalfa was 64 percent complete statewide compared with 69 percent last year. The northern region reported 80 percent of the fourth cut harvested, the central region reported 50 percent harvested, and the southern region reported 71 percent of the fourth cut harvested.

Statewide the quality of hay made during the week was rated 56

percent good, 36 percent fair, and eight percent poor. In the north hay quality was rated 60 percent good, 20 percent fair, and 20 percent poor. In the central region it was rated 56 percent good and 44 percent fair, while in the southern region hay quality was rated 50 percent good and 50 percent fair. The amount of feed obtained from pastures during the week in Pennsylvania was average to below average.



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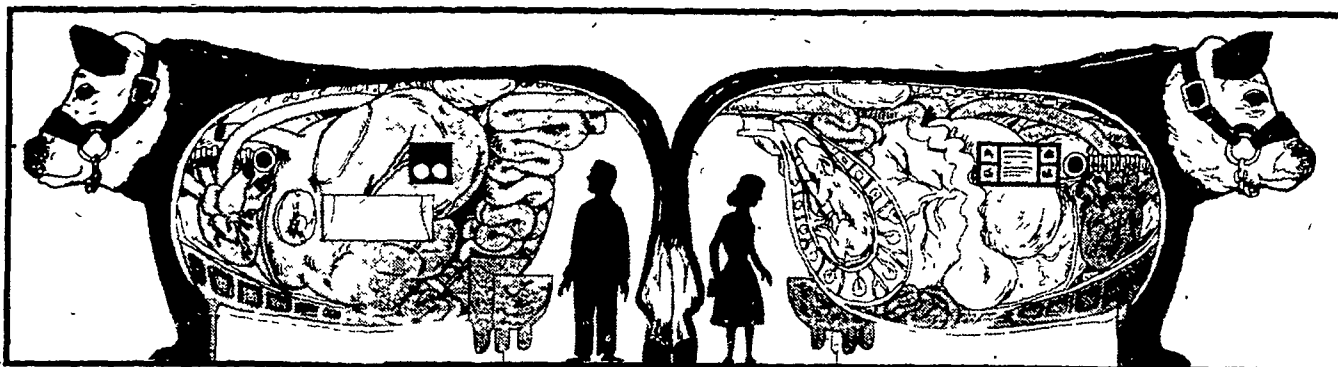
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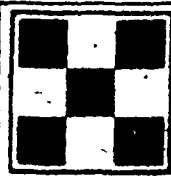
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